

Attorney Docket No.: 22176/3 (ITW-13433)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Anthony Nikodym and Steven Barhorst  
Confirmation No: 4133  
Serial No.: 09/683,584 Art Unit: 1725  
Filed: January 22, 2002 Examiner: Maria Alexandra Elve  
For: **STRAIGHT POLARITY METAL CORED WIRES**

FAX RECEIVED  
JUN 13 2003  
GROUP 1700**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Postal Service on the date shown below to 703-872-9310 addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

By: Maris Eliseeva6-12-03

Date

VIA FACSIMILE 703-872-9310  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2003, Applicant responds and amends as follows: